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In re Application of:

Van Leengoed et al.

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For: IL-6 AND IL-6 RECEPTOR DERIVED PEPTIDES HAVING IL-6 ANTAGONISTIC

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 15, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: